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I. IDENTIFICATION DATA:

Reference is made to Enclosure 1, this report, an Overlay [redacted]
 [redacted], Scale 1:100,000, [redacted] FURTH, [redacted]

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1. Highway, six meters wide, asphalt; led from Pilsen to Nürnberg
 [redacted] N 49-27, E 11-057.

2. Approximate Route [redacted] to reach the training
 area. [redacted] the truck

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turned right from highway, Point 1, to road, Point 3; passed
 through forest, Point 4; turned left and passed a small lake,
 Point 5, on their right; again passed through forest, Point 6;
 reached evacuated village, Point 7. Visible ruins of castle,
 Point 8, were always to their left.

3. Road, four meters wide, gravel; truck [redacted] followed
 this road to the training area.

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4. Forest, 20 m. high, coniferous trees.

5. Lake

6. Forest, 20 m. high, coniferous trees.

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7. Village [redacted] Civilian population was evacuated; about 2,000 army men were stationed there living in tents and in some of the village houses. A former Catholic church was used for officers' mess; enlisted men ate in the open. Most of the village houses (20-25 in number) were damaged from the training. First-aid station was located in one of them.

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[redacted] a large number of military trucks, Tatra make, small cannons, and machine guns around and inside the village.

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8. Ruins of Primda Castle, visible from afar.

II. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Security: Guards were not posted on road, Point 3; [redacted] three military guards, armed with machine guns [redacted]

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[redacted] entered the military area. One guard, also armed with machine gun, stood at the village entrance.

Morale: Morale among the troops [redacted] was poor, due mostly to permanent confinement to the camp while in training and also because of bad food. Soldiers complained that only officers had good food.

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Miscellaneous: [redacted] about 60% of the enlisted men had their head shaved because of some punishment; however, some shaved their heads because of hot weather.

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[redacted] the men participating in the training area came only from the army and the training's purpose was to strengthen battle preparedness. Training was in progress every summer.

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[redacted] most of the training areas were located around the border in the evacuated villages:

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Enclosure

1. Overlay [redacted] Scale 1:100,000, [redacted] FURTH

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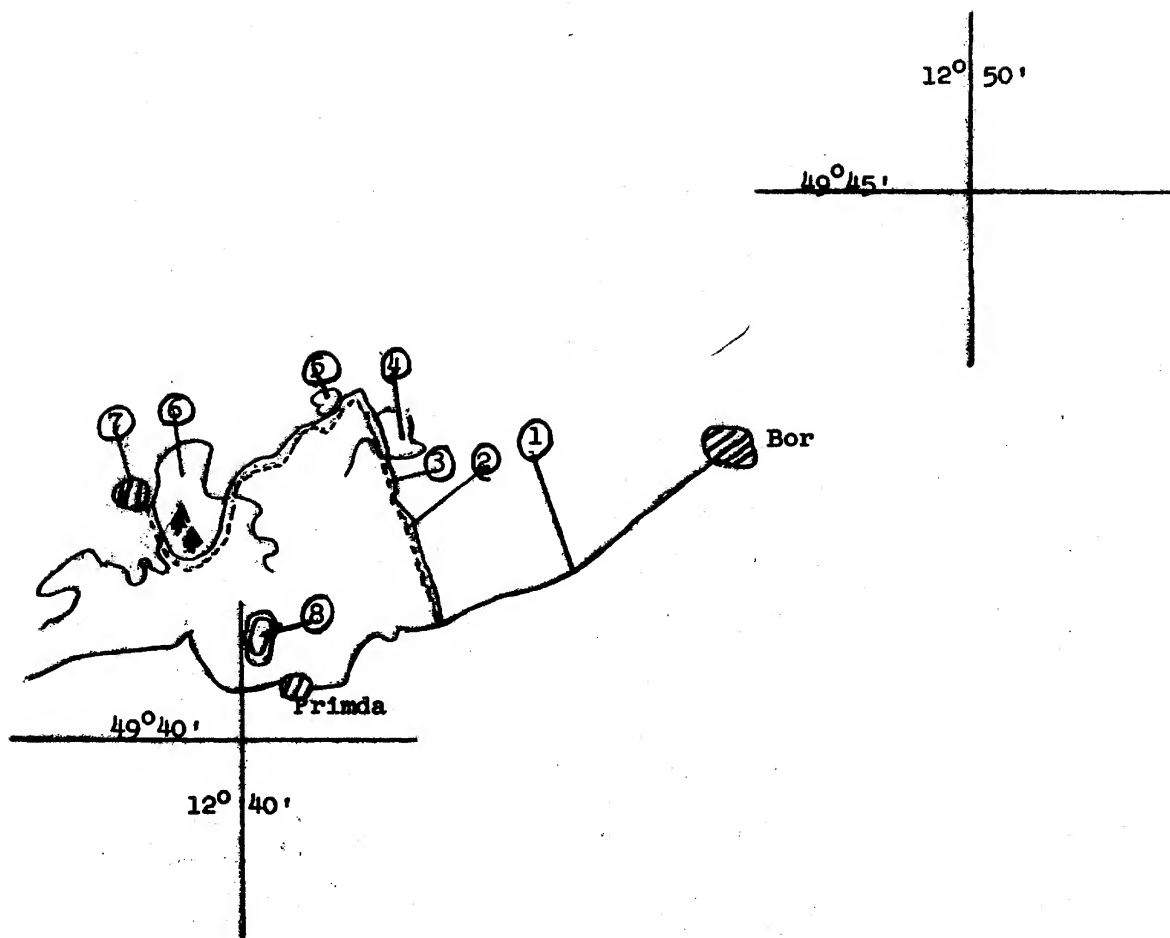
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